of Sections and details of area are as under :

Railway	Section	Length (in Kms.)
Central . . .	Kala Akhar—Polapathar	6.64
	Bharatwada—Kalmeshwar	10.78
	Kurwai—Kethora—Bina river cabin	3.21
	Pakaria Road—Jukehi . . .	9.83
	Hetampur—Gher	5.31
	Polapathar—Dhodramohar	7.96
Eastern . . .	Kajrat—Japla—Nawadih	7.45
	Nawadih—Nabinagar—Kajrat	8.38
	Abhaipur—Kajra	7.26
	Dhanicha—Karamnasa	6.33
Northern . . .	Kinana—Jind	11.55
	Ghaso—Dhamtansahib	23.00
	Dalpatpur—Rampur	15.00
	Garhiharsaru—Pataudi Road	5.00
North Eastern . .	Ujiarpur—Bachhwara	24.75
Northeast Frontier .	Old Malda—Mahananda Cabin	3.00
	Mukuria—Barsoi	4.50
	Sudhani—Telta	9.00
South Central . .	Mantatti—Nawandgi	8.96
	Wadi 'D' Cabin—Sulehalli	9.18
	Raichur—Marichettal	9.81
	Kosgi—Kupgal	13.61
	Hyderabad—Khairatabad	2.38

(c) Doubling of lines is taken up when the carrying capacity of a single line section gets saturated, freight intensive section being given priority, subject to availability of resources.

Traffic congestion on Suburban Railways in Bombay

1495. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing traffic congestion on the Suburban railways at Bombay;

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to provide relief to the rail-commutors and to ease the traffic congestion;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal of providing underground rail-services on Calcutta pattern at Bombay and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of measures such as increasing the production of EMU coaches, opening of new lines and adding additional lines to existing corridors are on the anvil.

(c) Provision of unnderground rail services is within the purview of the Ministry of Urban Development.

(d) Does not arise.

रेलवे द्वारा मुम्बई नगरपालिका को देय राशि का भुगतान न किया जाना

1496. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य रेलवे और पश्चिमी रेलवे ने पिछले कई वर्षों से बम्बई नगरपालिका को करोड़ों रुपयों का भुगतान नहीं किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) बम्बई नगरपालिका को यह राशि कब तक अदा कर दी जाएगी ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Railway accident occured at Hissar on 28th September, 1992

1497. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer of Unstarred Question 381 given in Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1992 and state :

(a) whether any inquiry has been ordered by Government into the accident, occurred to Train No. 4 HSP at Hissar on 28th September, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the required compensation has not been provided to the victims so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay and the time by which it is likely to be paid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The accident was inquired by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Northern Circle. According to his findings, the accident occurred due to the gate of level crossing being kept open by the Gateman at the time of passage of passenger train. In this accident, 7 persons lost their lives and 4 sustained injuries. The Gateman has been found responsible for this lapse.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No claim application has been preferred by next of the kin of the victims so far. Compensation will be paid in due course as soon as award is given by the Railway Claims Tribunal on considering the merits of the cases filed.

Passenger train on Sadalpur-Hissar Section

1498. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the passenger trains on Sadalpur Hissar Section of Northern Railway always run behind their scheduled time;

(b) if so, the number of times these trains have derailed/met with accidents since January, 1992, and the persons died as a result thereof;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the accident occurred on 28th September, 1992 to train Route No. 4 HSP at Hissar is the most severe accident; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of compensation paid to the kith and kins of the victims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The punctuality of passanger trains on Sadulpur-Hissar section during September '92 and October '92 has been averaging 81% mainly on account of equipment failures in steam locomotives.

(b) to (d) There has been only 1 train accident on Sadulpur-Hissar section since January, 1992. This occurred on 28-9-92 at Level Crossing Gate No. 6 at Hissar. 7 persons were killed and 4 injured in this accident. All of them were road users.

The Gateman has been found responsible for this accident as he failed to close the gate of the crossing.

As the claims for compensation have not yet been filed by the next of the kins of the victims in the Railway Claims Tribunal, no compensation has been paid so far.

Constructing of railway line from Panskura Santragachi Panskura

1499. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for constructing fourth line from Santragachi to Panskura and the third line from Panskura to Kharagpur;